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(SBU) On March 21, poloff conveyed reftel points encouraging capitals not to take up the question of the Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories outside of the Mandate Review Working Group to Kim Pil-woo, MOFAT's Human Rights and Social Affairs Division Deputy Director. On March 23, Kim stated that a final ROKG decision had not been made. However, working-level MOFAT officials wanted to oppose the OIC resolution, he said. In light of the fact that last year all mandates were already extended to this June, there was no good reason to single out one Special Rapporteur. Speaking unofficially, Kim said that Seoul was likely to instruct its mission in Geneva to oppose the OIC resolution.
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